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Man's body found near search area

PETITE RIVIERE A male body has been found in Petite Riviere, near the area where police and search and rescue teams spent four days looking for Edwin Sperry.

The search for the 61-year-old was called off a week ago. An autopsy was performed on the body yesterday, but results were not available as of press time.

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Charity dances shut out

Dartmouth church leaves fundraiser for mentally challenged in the lurch

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"It's supposed to be a happy time for these kids, but now it's become very stressful."

Helen Anderson

For over a decade, Helen Anderson held monthly dances for mentally challenged persons to come out and have fun.

But not anymore. St. Clement's Church in Dartmouth told her she was no longer allowed to rent out the church hall for the event.

"They said they want to leave it available for other functions. We're talking nine nights a year for this," said Anderson.

"I never wanted any of this (conflict). I just wanted to do these dances. It's supposed to be a happy time for these kids, but now it's

become very stressful."

Anderson says Father John Mills broke the news to her on August 8th, saying only that they wanted to reserve the hall for other purposes. He has refused to meet with her since.

Metro News tried to contact Father Mills for this story, but was told via his secretary that he would not comment.

Up to 140 people from dozens of group homes regularly take part in the dances, which were held at the Gas-

ton Road church for the past 12 years. Each dance has a theme and organizers have gotten great feedback.

"You just have to see these dances, see how wonderful it is for them. You have to experience it," said Sharon Mills, Anderson's sister who has helped with past dances.

Dance organizers told Metro they think they're being booted out of the church because of some minor arguments with a church staff member over issues like storage



Helen Anderson and her eldest daughter Darlene, who has Down's syndrome, will no longer be able to hold dances at St. Clement's Church in Dartmouth.

space and putting up too many decorations.

Anderson said she would gladly pay more, or discuss any problems, if it meant saving the dance. But she said she wasn't given any

chance before being told they weren't allowed back.

Needing three-weeks notice for access-a-vans, organizers now don't know when or where the next dance will be.

Federal politics

Ready to pull the plug?



Prime Minister Stephen Harper again hinted at a fall election while speaking at a news conference in the Library and Archives of Canada in Ottawa yesterday. Harper suggested a campaign could begin as early as next week. Story, page 7.

C.B. murder suspect makes first court appearance

SYDNEY A man facing a second-degree murder charge made his first court appearance yesterday in connection with a death at the River Ryan Campground early Monday morning.

Donald Allan (Duck) McNeil, 44, of River Ryan, also faces a separate charge of common assault against his girlfriend, which is alleged to have occurred the same day. He has been remanded to the Cape Breton Correctional Centre until his next court appearance Sept. 16, and is to have no contact with a number of witnesses.

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Government funds to promote Français in provincial services

Parlez-vous Français? The province and Ottawa will spend \$120,000 to help promote the use of provincial government services in French. The Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse will run the campaign.

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Local



Stocking up

Maritimers love those reusable grocery bags. A survey done by Environics Group for MasterCard found 32 per cent of us remember to bring one to the grocery store. The average household spends \$7,097 on groceries a year; the survey found the average grocery trip lasts 57 minutes and costs \$140.

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Bonuses offered for school lunch monitors

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A looming crunch in lunch monitors is forcing the Halifax Regional School Board to try to lure people with referral and signing bonuses.

"We're trying to be creative," said Joanne Williams, coordinator for the board's

Excel supervision programs.

Launched yesterday, the school board is offering \$50 referral bonuses to Excel employees who recruit a lunch monitor. The new hire would also get a \$50 signing bonus.

"The greatest challenge for us is finding individuals who can dedicate an hour and half or so of their day, each day, five days a week for the

Promise of legislative change

• Next year the crunch is expected to multiply as Education Minister Karen Casey has promised to introduce legis-

lation this fall to make lunchtime supervision free and universally available in 2009-10.

school year," Williams said. Lunch monitors earn \$10.59 per hour plus vacation pay, and may also work part-time.

Due to new rules passed by one-man school board Howard Windsor, more schools have to provide lunchtime supervision this

year.

The change stems from controversy that arose last year over parents having to pay the board's \$200 fee for Excel lunchtime supervision.

The dispute led Windsor to introduce new rules that ban the board from making profit from the fee and charging it to French immersion or out-of-area students. Now only walking

students have to pay it if they want to stay for lunch.

The change adds up to about 150 new lunch monitors this year.

With the first day of school Sept. 3, the board still needs to sign up about 50. The biggest need is in the Hubley and Tantallon areas. Williams said the unfilled positions are for students on waiting lists.

Tomorrow's Metro

Food

Barb Holland whips together a delicious dish with underused vegetable rapini.



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What's online today.

Watch reports on disgruntled Hillary Clinton supporters hoping to spoil Obama's party at the DNC convention and on Stephen Harper practically ensuring a fall election for Canadians. Also, a look at the Tories' \$100M plan to map the Arctic.

Groundwork Country on the Common



Workers setup for this Saturday's Keith Urban concert on the Halifax Common yesterday. The Country Rocks 2008 concert also features Charlie Major, Johnny Reid, Aaron Pritchett, Gretchen Wilson, Jimmy Rankin, Great Big Sea and Mark Cameron.

Search called off for man overboard

MIRAMICHI BAY The search for a New Brunswick man reported overboard in Miramichi Bay Sunday night has been called off.

Steven Young, 26, was among a group of young people onboard a 13-me-

tre pleasure craft when he fell off. Navy crews joined the search-and-rescue effort, to no avail.

The group was on an excursion off Portage Island when the accident occurred.

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News in brief

CHURCH THEFT Police are hunting thieves who stole \$1,000 worth of heating oil from St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Digby County. Digby RCMP is asking for help via Crimestoppers (1-800-222-8477) or at the detachment (245-2579).

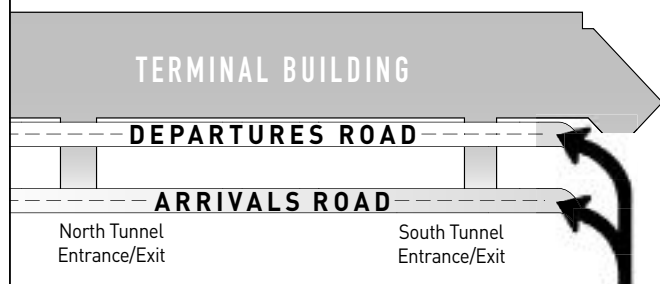
MUGGING A young man was mugged and his cellphone smashed after an incident in Dartmouth Monday night. The robber is described as a 22-

year-old white man who is 5'8" tall, with a slim build and weighing 120 pounds.

STABBING A 28-year-old man suffered a stab wound to the leg yesterday afternoon during a fight in Halifax between three men who were known to each other. Two men in their 20s were taken into custody for questioning and charges have yet to be laid.

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The number of Nova Scotians on employment insurance dropped by one per cent between May and June 2008. From June 2007 to June 2008, 4.7 per cent fewer Nova Scotians were drawing EI. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Meat retailers taking a hit

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RECALL There will be a cost for stores because of the Maple Leaf recall, but it's just something the companies will have to eat.

Sandwiches at both Irving stores and Needs stores were added to the national Maple Leaf recall yesterday. "There will certainly be a financial cost we will have to absorb, although we do not know yet how

much. For now we want to ensure our products are safe," said Chantale Sajo of Couche-Tard, which manages food services at 127 Irving stations in Atlantic Canada.

They've gone further and removed all sandwiches from their shelves. The products weren't contaminated, Sajo said, but there was a risk of cross-contamination because the meats were sliced in the same plant.

Jeanne Cruikshank, vice

president of the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors said the latest recall at Sobeys grocery stores was just a precautionary measure.

"It's very common to see this kind of process expanded from what the initial recall is," she said.

Maple Leaf is expecting a cost of at least \$20 million from the recall, which doesn't include future advertising to rescue its reputation and a possible drop in sales.

Sandwiches pulled amid listeriosis fears

No known cases of infection in N.S.



Jim and Tricia Lorraine run River Breeze Farms outside Truro. The farm, which sells locally-raised and processed meat, expects an increase in business because of the Maple Leaf meat recall.

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Sandwiches were yanked of the shelves in Nova Scotia yesterday in a further recall of possibly contaminated meat.

Several products sold in Irving stations and Needs convenience stores were added to the recall list. Over 200 kinds of meat products have now been recalled due to a listeria contamination at a Maple Leaf plant in Toronto. Listeriosis has been linked to 12 deaths nationally.

There have been no cases in Nova Scotia. But it's entirely possible some may pop up here, said Nova Scotia chief public health officer Robert Strang.

"It's certainly possible we may see in the next few weeks cases of listeriosis simply because this disease has a fairly long incubation period," Strang said. Symptoms of listeriosis

such as high fever and neck stiffness can show up 70 days after eating contaminated food.

In general, healthy people don't get sick from listeriosis, but it can cause complications for higher risk individuals like seniors and pregnant women.

Concern over food safety has prompted some consumers to shop closer to home. Jim Lorraine of RiverBreeze farm near Truro said recalls always give him a boost in business.

"It's a big blip, then we come out the other side with a few more loyal customers," he said.

Just yesterday he got 10 requests for product lists from new customers in Halifax.

Jeanne Cruikshank, vice president of the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, said it's too soon to tell grocery store meat sales have dropped.

"These microbes and

Snacks pulled

- IRVING SANDWICHES
 - roast beef with cheddar
 - quarter-pound and half-pound king roast beef sub
 - roast beef and cheese wrap with chipotle sauce
- NEEDS
 - clubhouse sandwich on ciabatta bread
- SUB DELICIOUS
 - deli meat clubhouse sub
 - beef and cheese sub
 - meat pita sandwich twist
 - belly buster club sub
 - belly buster roast beef sub
 - clubhouse sandwich

pathogens aren't respectful of geography either so the location of the product may not bare any resemblance to food safety issues," she said.

There were worries of an outbreak at Camp Tidnish near the New Brunswick border when several camp counsellors fell sick. Investigators feel confident it wasn't listeriosis just a case of bad timing.

NSP battling rising fuel prices

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ENERGY The 12 per cent rate increase Nova Scotia Power Inc. is applying for next month is a sign of things to come, unless the utility changes how it does business, president Rob Bennett said yesterday.

Bennett blamed the proposed rate hike on the rising cost of fuel. "Some people are using the word 'cri-

sis' to describe current world-energy prices," Bennett said. "I'm not sure if we would all agree on that word, but we can all agree that change has been thrust upon us."

He noted a tonne of coal that was \$80 last year and is \$155 today. That increase will cost the utility up to \$50 million over the next six months.

"There are changes underway in our business that will help us moderate

electricity costs," said Bennett adding a better transmission system linking the province to its neighbours and looking at renewable resources would be key ways to keep costs down.

Biomass and in-stream tidal generation have potential, Bennett said, "but it is wind, at this point, that holds the most immediate promise." He said the predictable cost of green energy would mean stable prices for consumers.

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Want to protest poverty while listening to music and noshing on free food? The Halifax Coalition Against Poverty is hosting its annual Carnival of Resistance this Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at the George Dixon Centre. HCAP wants government to raise social assistance rates. **METRO HALIFAX**

Carnival takes aim at poverty

As students return, cops launch Fallback

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What happens when 33,000 students move into south-end Halifax all in one weekend? Enough drinking and debauchery that Halifax Regional Police have formed a strategy to help quell the chaos.

In place for its fourth year, Operation Fallback comes into force for a month starting this Sunday, to coincide with moving day for students.

"It's designed to help ease the disruptions," says Const. Brian Palmeter, who has been in charge of the program for three years. "You have a certain group that, it's their first time away from home, so they're getting their feet wet with their independence."

During the month of September, police receive double the number of noise complaints (about 300) in the neighbourhoods around Saint Mary's University and Dalhousie University.

"(It's) a lot of that is partying and pedestrian noise," he said.

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Apartments that become notorious for loud parties get one warning for the year and after that, tenants automatically receive a \$452 fine.

Police will also be on the lookout for open liquor and underage drinking among party-hoppers and groups heading downtown. Each net a \$452 fine. Public drunkenness or getting thrown in the drunk tank is a \$118.50 penalty.

In past years, police have given out nearly \$55,000 worth of tickets.

Palmeter said the campaign also ensures frosh week lasts just one week.

"It's not a month or two," he said. "The sentiment of the long-term residents in the area is they can deal with the first week, but it's when it drags into late September and into October and the behaviour is the same. That's the biggest problem."

Dal has hired two off-duty police officers to patrol

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX



Const. Brian Palmeter is leading a month-long effort, starting Sunday to respond to problems, such as loud partying, that often arise when students return to Dalhousie and Saint Mary's Universities.

the campus and neighbourhood after September, too. The officers will be out on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights throughout the school year, as well as during spring break and other

peak party times.

"It's just to quicken the response time in dealing with problems," Palmeter said. "It also adds to the safety and security of the students."

Air cadets glide through Debert pilot school

COLIN MACLEAN
Truro Daily News

DEBERT Nicholas Dyke loves the sensations he gets while soaring across the skyline in a glider.

"It's just the feeling of being up in the air ... being able to see what you can see," said the 17-year-old Burnside resident.

Dyke is one of almost 50 Royal Canadian Air Cadets who recently completed their education in glider piloting at the regional training facility in Debert. Kids from all over Atlantic Canada descend on the Truro Flying Club for six weeks every summer to earn their wings.

When they are finally presented with their wings and become certified glider pilots it is always a special moment for a young cadet, said Capt. Doug Keirstead.

"They are learning how to fly, which is something that not everyone gets to do, but there is also the symbolic piece to it, getting presented with their

wings which is a significant milestone as well."

Cadets Arti Dhoot from Campbellton, N.B. and Annie Wen from Saint John's N.L., became fast friends over the summer.

Learning to fly at the Debert school has made for one of the best summers ever, said Wen.

"If you are ever unsuccessful in a flight they (instructors) don't say 'OK no more.' They sit you down and explain to you what you could have done and different things you can try," she said.

As each cadet heads home, they leave with new experiences and stories to tell their friends about their summer spent in the sky. And even though it was hard being away from home, the company the cadets had at the school was great, said Dhoot.

"I made a lot of new friends," she laughed, giving Wen a hug.

"I also missed home a couple of times, but just meeting new people the excitement keeps you going."

"It's just the feeling of being up in the air ... being able to see what you can see."
Nicholas Dyke

Group urges Nova Scotians to butt out litter

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

ENVIRONMENT Litter got an ash-kicking in Halifax this week, with Clean Nova Scotia picking up more than 26,000 cigarette butts.

"This is a small portion of what is actually out there," said Clean Nova Scotia's Kari Riddell. "For the past two years, we have asked people to record the amount of cigarette butts found during litter cleanups in Nova Scotia and, based on the data, cigarette butts far outweigh coffee cups and fast-food packaging."

Youth Corp volunteers Claire Simmons, Kati LaVigne, Tara MacDonald and Robin Patterson descended on select areas of HRM for a four-day blitz. Yesterday, they highlighted their find-

JON TATTRE FOR METRO HALIFAX



The Clean Nova Scotia Youth Corp. delivers a butt-kicking on Citadel Hill yesterday. Tara MacDonald (in costume), Robin Patterson, Clair Simmons and Kati LaVigne collected more than 26,000 butts.

ings with a sign on Citadel Hill that read: "Cigarette butts are litter too." Each letter represents 1,000 of the butts collected.

A cigarette butt takes up to 15 years to degrade and

Nova Scotian smokers average 16 cigarettes a day. If they toss just 10 per cent on the ground, that's six million butts a year.

"One cigarette butt may be small, but when you add

them all up, we are talking about high ratios of toxic chemicals like tar, carbon monoxide and lead leaching into our soil, water systems and into the food chain," said Simmons.

Economic struggles won't hit N.S. hard: Economist

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ECONOMY Today's volatile markets are very normal and won't negatively impact Nova Scotia's economy, says the CEO of Franklin Templeton Investments Corp.

Don Reed was in Halifax yesterday to talk about the impacts of an unstable stock market could have on the local economy.

"I don't see any major issues in Atlantic Canada, specifically Nova Scotia and Halifax," Reed said.

While central Canada is struggling with the manufacturing business because of the strong loonie, Halifax is in good shape, he added. "Halifax isn't faced with the same thing, it's not a major manufacturing hub. It seems to

be motoring along nicely."

Reed says people shouldn't worry either about turbulent markets. "History tells us that it's normal after we come out of a bull market that we would go into a period of chopiness. That's what we're going through now and that's of concern to some investors, but it also is the best opportunity history tells us as well."

In these markets, he says people can make a lot of money when buying a security that still looks very strong even if the price has dropped.

He suggested investors diversify to reduce their risk.

"Because of the high level of the Canadian dollar and because the Canadian market has done well, the prudent investor will take some profit off the table and invest it globally," he said.



Don Reed

News in brief

WETLAND A 30-year agreement between Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and CGC Inc. will protect 200 acres of

wetland and associated habitat. DUC will provide technical assistance to CGC Inc.'s Windsor Plant to maintain four sites

known locally as Meadow Pond, Belmont Beaver Pond, Upper Beaver Ponds and Miller's Creek Duck Pond. "We

see this as a long-term partnership with common goals," said DUC's Deanne Meadus.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Investigation ordered into Saskatchewan prisoner escape

Saskatchewan's minister of public safety has ordered an investigation into why 15 hours passed before authorities alerted the public about a prison break by six inmates. One of the inmates, who are all considered armed and dangerous, has been caught but the other five remain at large. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada



Transit upgrade back on track

Toronto's transit authority said yesterday it will recommend to its commissioners that it enter into a new bidding process with three major light rail manufacturers to replace the city's aging streetcar fleet after the initial process was scrapped last month. The Toronto Transit Commission said that it will propose starting discussions with Bombardier Inc, the Canadian arm of Siemens and Alstom for the \$1.25 billion contract. **REUTERS**

Tories forcing fall election?

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is sending his clearest signal yet that Canadians will be heading to the polls this fall, saying that "fundamental differences" with the opposition parties make it impossible for his government to tackle looming economic woes.

"The country must have a government that can function during a time of economic uncertainty. If it's not this Parliament, the public will have an opportunity to decide whom," Harper told a news conference yesterday.

A national campaign could kick off next week before three federal by-elections on Sept. 8, Harper suggested. In another signal that an elec-

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Stephen Harper

tion is approaching, Governor General Michaëlle Jean yesterday cancelled a trip to China planned for Sept. 6. Officials suggested the call could come next week making the earliest date by law for the election be Oct. 14.

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Tasers Report postponed



Brian Black of Taser International demonstrates its use at a trade show for the Association of Chiefs of Police in Montreal yesterday. The Canadian Police Research Centre announced at the show that the release of a long-awaited report on the medical effects of stun gun use has been postponed until next year.

PM lays out Arctic plan

RESOURCES Canada plans to boost its spending on mapping Arctic energy and mineral resources, in order to encourage development and defend Canadian sovereignty in the far North.

The government will spend \$100 million over five years, building on a plan earlier this year to spend \$34 million over two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yes-

terday.

"We know from a century of northern resource exploration that there is gas in the Beaufort (Sea), oil in the eastern Arctic, and gold in the Yukon. There are diamonds in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, and countless other precious resources buried under the sea, ice and tundra," Harper said. **REUTERS**



Stephen Harper

News in brief

COLD CASE Almost 11 years after a 16-year-old girl was found strangled to death in a Windsor, Ont., apartment with her unharmed baby near her, police have charged Geoffrey Michael Campbell with first-degree murder.

MONTREAL An Air France aircraft skidded off the runway at Montreal's Trudeau airport yesterday but there were no apparent injuries or serious damage. The incident was said to be minor and there was no fire. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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World

Benign cancers a warning

People who have had a normally non-fatal form of skin cancer have double the risk of developing other types of cancers, U.S. researchers said yesterday. They said the increased risk is especially pronounced in younger people. **REUTERS**

U.S. denies Russia's claim it is shipping arms to Georgia

GEORGIA Russian President Dmitry Medvedev yesterday accused the United States of shipping arms to Georgia on U.S. naval vessels, but Washington denied the charge.

Medvedev made the charge in an interview on the BBC when he was asked if Russia was mounting a blockade of ships off Georgia's Black Sea port of Poti.

The port is where the American warship USS McFaul is due to deliver humanitarian aid.

He replied: "There is no blockade. Any ship can get in, American and others are bringing in humanitarian cargoes."

"And what the Americans call humanitarian cargoes — of course, they are bringing in weapons."

White House spokesman Tony Fratto, speaking

Russia condemned

- President George W. Bush yesterday condemned Russia's decision to recognize the two breakaway regions of Georgia, South Ossetia and Abkhazia, as independent, saying Moscow was ratcheting up tensions and complicating negotiations.

in Texas, said the accusation was ridiculous.

"I can assure you that these are purely humanitarian aid shipments that are going into Georgia and nothing else," Fratto announced.

The U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi said the USS McFaul was due to dock in Poti today.

Other U.S. naval vessels are due in the same area in the next few days. **REUTERS**

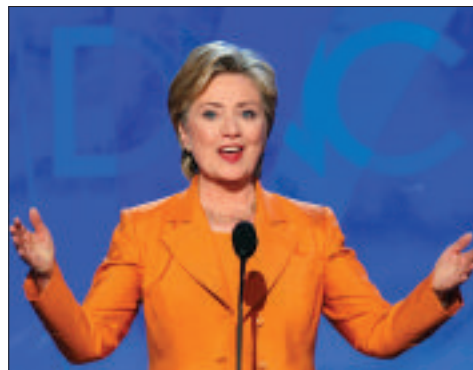
Clinton takes spotlight

Hillary Clinton offered a rousing plea for Democratic Party unity yesterday, promising to work for Barack Obama and challenging her supporters to bury their grudges and rally behind his White House bid.

"The time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose," Clinton told a roaring crowd, adding she could not sit on the sidelines and watch Republican presidential candidate John McCain "squander the promise of our country."

"No way, no how, no McCain. Barack Obama is my candidate and he must be our president."

Clinton's enthusiastic call for party unity was designed to end a rift that has clouded the convention to nominate the first-



Hillary Clinton addresses the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

term Illinois senator to face McCain in the Nov. 4 election.

The second day of the convention focused on economic themes and began to lay out Obama's plans to

aid lower- and middle-class voters suffering in a faltering U.S. economy, which polls show is the top issue in the final months of President George W. Bush's term.

Plot to kill Obama?

- U.S. authorities yesterday were investigating whether three men arrested in Colorado with guns and drugs planned to kill Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, but said they posed no real threat.

Obama, 47, had tried to ease the lingering tension by giving Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, major roles at the convention. Bill Clinton will speak tonight.

The convention's first night focused on presenting a softer, more personal side of Obama. **REUTERS**

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Rain, floods devastate South Asia

INDIA Rising rivers in eastern India that swamped more land and homes yesterday have affected more than 2 million people, some of whom vented their anger by attacking officials trying to assess the damage.

Since the monsoon began in June, torrential rains have killed more than 1,000 people in South Asia, mainly in India's states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, but also Nepal and Bangladesh.

The Koshi River in the eastern state of Bihar, one of India's poorest regions,

has broken its mud embankments in several places. The river also broke a dam in neighbouring Nepal, sweeping away seven villages, officials said.

The death toll in Bihar rose to 46 overnight after 14 more villagers drowned in swirling waters.

UNICEF said cases of diarrhoea and fever were being reported in makeshift camps.

Indian authorities warned of more rain in eastern India, including Bihar, with heavy falls in the next four to five days.

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Glitch disrupts U.S. air traffic

U.S.A. Air traffic at some major U.S. airports was returning to normal yesterday after many planes were delayed due to a glitch in the computer system for filing flight plans, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The Department of Homeland Security said there was no link to terrorism and the FAA said the glitch did not affect its ability to safely track planes. The glitch may have come from an internal software processing problem. **REUTERS**

Ghana Farmers' elephant woes



Children dance in the village of Afiase Saturday. Rising elephant numbers in a protected forest park in Ghana are angering Afiase's farmers, whose crops are being raided in an unwanted side-effect of a plan to slow deforestation.

Gustav hits Haiti, aims for Gulf

HAITI Hurricane Gustav hit the southern coast of vulnerable Haiti yesterday and could become the first major storm to threaten U.S. oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico since the devastating 2005 hurricane season.

Most computer models used to predict hurricane tracks showed Gustav headed toward Louisiana and Texas, areas where offshore rigs produce a quarter of U.S. crude oil and 15 per cent of its natural gas and which were slammed by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. **REUTERS**



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Soft drinks maker Cott Corp. shares plunged more than 15 per cent to \$2.17 a share, after it lowered its 2008 profit outlook yesterday to a range of between 28 per cent below and 5 per cent above last year's profit of \$36.3 million US. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Business

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Russia Market's ripe for car buys



A new Mazda Kazamai concept car is seen at the Moscow Auto Salon 2008 yesterday. Some of the world's biggest carmakers intend to boost sales in Russia this year, company officials said.

Moody's downgrades wireless giants

TORONTO Moody's has lowered its outlook to "stable" from "positive" for wireless giants Rogers, Bell and Telus, citing the threat of new rivals following Ottawa's recent wireless airwave auction, which allows future contenders Que-

becor and Shaw Communications into the market.

While the incumbents have argued the Canadian wireless industry is competitive, Moody's said restrictions on foreign ownership of telecom companies have allowed the three "to pur-

sue profit-oriented growth strategies in a protected market that is far less penetrated than the U.S."

Relaxed competition is evidenced by higher plan rates and a lower rate of penetration compared to the U.S. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

In brief

BANKS Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal reported their third-quarter results yesterday. Scotiabank posted net income of \$1 billion, or a two per cent decline from the same time last year, while BMO's profit tumbled 21 per cent to \$521 million. **REUTERS**

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Offshore drilling appeal:

Nova Scotia's energy minister, Richard Hurlburt, said Nova Scotia should consider oil and gas exploration on Georges Bank fishing ground Nova Scotia shares with New England despite a drilling moratorium.

Yarmouth ferry 'not adequate': The '50s-era Yarmouth ferry terminal pales in comparison to the impressive \$20.5 million Ocean Gateway Terminal in Portland, Maine, Port of

Yarmouth manager Dave Whiting said. "The terminal as it is at present is not adequate to meet the heightened security requirements," he said.

New Transcontinental contract: Transcontinental Inc. won a 20-year, \$1.7-billion contract to print The Globe and Mail in most of its markets. It extends existing contracts in the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario, and adds new Alberta and British Columbia markets.

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NHL

Veteran defenceman Bryan Berard will attend the Flyers' training camp in September on a try-out basis, says Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren. The 31-year-old played in 54 games last season for the New York Islanders, compiling five goals and 22 points. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Sakic could reveal plans

Veteran centre Joe Sakic, left, might announce tomorrow whether or not he will be back on the ice for a 20th NHL season. According to the Denver Post, Sakic will speak at a news conference tomorrow before his charity golf tournament. However, the newspaper also claims that there is no guarantee that Sakic has come to a decision on his future. **Metro News Services**

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Argonauts sharpening axe

Coach could be ousted if team loses on Labour Day to Ticats: Source

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A Labour Day loss may result in a coaching change for the Toronto Argonauts, a club source tells me.

His information:

If the Argos lose in Hamilton Monday — and that's feasible since the Tiger-Cats defeated Toronto in two previous games this season — the teams would be tied with 3-6 records and **Rich Stubler** could be fired as head coach and possibly demoted to his former position of defensive co-ordinator.

Replacing Stubler would either be ex-head coach **Michael "Pinball" Clemons**, who's been resisting overtures from ownership because of his preference to focus on his family and his CEO responsibilities with the Argos, general manager **Adam Rita**, who has decades of CFL coaching experience, or assistant GM **Greg Mohns**, a former head coach of the B.C. Lions.



Broadcaster Cabral "Cabbie" Richards shows off the new state-of-the-art studio at The Score television network yesterday. The new set up will allow for more fan interaction at the studio.

"We've unloaded players (backup quarterback **Michael Bishop**, who was traded to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and safety **Orlando Steinauer**, who was released) and, if we can't beat Hamilton, we'll review our head-coaching situation," the Argos' source said. "It's possible Stubler isn't cut out to be a head

coach. He might just be one of those guys who's able to be a great co-ordinator but doesn't have the skills to be a good head coach."

• Truth is, Stubler is demonstrating an irascible personality as a head coach and it's rubbed both players and management types the wrong way. I'm told Stubler and Mohns won't

even talk to each other ... Looks like Hamilton will start backup **Richie Williams** at QB Monday as **Casey Printers**, the CFL's highest-paid player, is still complaining about a sore thumb ... And, hey, why haven't I been receiving any emails from boasting Roughriders fans lately? Might it be that the team,

losers of two consecutive games, is falling apart, just as I suspected it ultimately would? After a 6-0 start, the Riders find themselves only two points ahead of the Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos.

• Major changes are happening at Canadian sports networks.

TSN will launch another channel, TSN2, this week while The Score will introduce a state-of-the-art studio next week that'll include innovative bleachers and sliding glass windows to encourage fan participation. Maverick programming chief **Richard Garner** envisions fan involvement as a key element in The Score's future.

The outside of the network's Toronto building will offer passersby a massive screen that will display sports information and broadcasts.

The network also plans to throw a huge street bash, featuring luminaries such as ex-NHL star **Wendell Clark** and musicians **Kardinal Offishall** and The Trews.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Doc dominant as Jays dump Rays

MLB Vernon Wells homered and drove in three runs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 win last

night over the Tampa Bay Rays in the opener of a three-game series.

Roy Halladay

produced another

strong outing for the Blue Jays, who have won nine of their last 13 games overall. Halladay (16-9) allowed two runs on six hits over six strong innings that included seven strikeouts.

MLB finally gets instant replay

MLB Major League Baseball announced yesterday that it will enact instant replay for home run calls this week.

The use of replay will be in series that start tomorrow and after. Like the NHL and NBA, replay will only be used in specific circumstances — to decide if a home run cleared the fence, in fair/foul calls on homers, or to decide if there was fan interference.

Strahan to remain retired: Report

NFL New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan will reportedly remain retired, turning down an offer to come back and play for the Super Bowl champions.

According to a report on FoxSports.com yesterday, Strahan had no problems with the money offered to him, but he did not want to put his body through the rigors of a 15th NFL season.

Former Blazer Duckworth dies

NBA Former Portland Trail Blazers centre Kevin Duckworth died Monday. He was 44.

A member of the Trail Blazers from 1986-93, the 7-footer also played for San Antonio, Washington, Milwaukee and the Los Angeles Clippers during his 11-year NBA career.

The cause of his death is unknown, and will be determined by a medical examiner. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS									
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Ivanovic dodges first-round exit

TENNIS Ana Ivanovic needed every scrap of her youthful ebullience yesterday to narrowly avoid the humiliation of becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the opening round of the U.S. Open.

It took the 20-year-old Serbian just over two hours to make her standing as world No. 1 count against a valiant Vera Dushkevina and she booked her place in round two with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 win.

Perhaps still troubled by a right thumb injury which ruled her out of the Olympics, Ivanovic randomly misfired her shots to notch up 40 unforced errors.

Realizing how close she had come to establishing an unwanted record, Ivanovic said: "I really hope I can stick around for some time." Four-time champion



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia narrowly avoided an opening-round loss to Vera Dushkevina of Russia yesterday at the U.S. Open.

Roger Federer launched his U.S. Open title defence with a comfortable 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 win over Argentine Maximo Gonzalez.

Slovakian 11th seed Daniela Hantuchova, however, fell by the wayside

when she was flattened 6-4, 6-2 by qualifier Anna-Lena Groenefeld. Tommy Haas completed a good day for the Germans when he ousted men's 12th seed Richard Gasquet 6-7, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

REUTERS



Fresh off a fourth-place finish at nationals, Dartmouth Moosehead Dry opens the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League semifinals tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at home against the Kentville Wildcats. The Halifax Pelham Canadians and Truro Bearcats open the other semifinal on Friday. **METRO HALIFAX**

Baseball

Husky hungry for title

Star cornerback chooses SMU for shot at Vanier Cup

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Joel Lipinski wants to end his university football career with a bang. And he's gone to great lengths to do so.

The 23-year-old former all-Canadian cornerback left the Regina Rams a year ago and sat out the 2007 season, then hand-picked the Saint Mary's Huskies from dozens of teams interested in recruiting him for his fifth and final year.

Transferring forced him to put his biochemistry major on hold.

"Biochem's my major, but they don't offer it at this institution, so I'm pretty much, honestly, just here to win a championship," Lipinski said bluntly. "I'm out here for football, then I'll have to go back to Regina to finish up."

The Huskies had a pretty good sales pitch to lure Lipinski to their program. They went to the Vanier Cup final last year, battling to the buzzer without injured Hec Crighton-winning

quarterback Erik Glavic in a 28-14 loss to the Manitoba Bisons.

With 90 per cent of last year's roster back for another run at national glory, Lipinski

couldn't say no.

"For them to stay in that game with the adversity they faced was impressive," said Lipinski, who battled Manitoba countless times during his career with the Rams.

"It showed drive and desire to win, and coming off a game like that, you

know the drive's going to be greater. That's why I'm here. I know everybody is back with a passion and fire to win a championship and I have that same drive."

"I know everybody is back with a passion and fire to win a championship and I have that same drive."

Huskies cornerback
Joel Lipinski

although as of Sunday he wasn't sure if he'd be spared rookie initiation given the fact that he's already a university veteran.

"I'm waiting to hear my name called to go up and sing, but I hope it won't happen," he laughed.

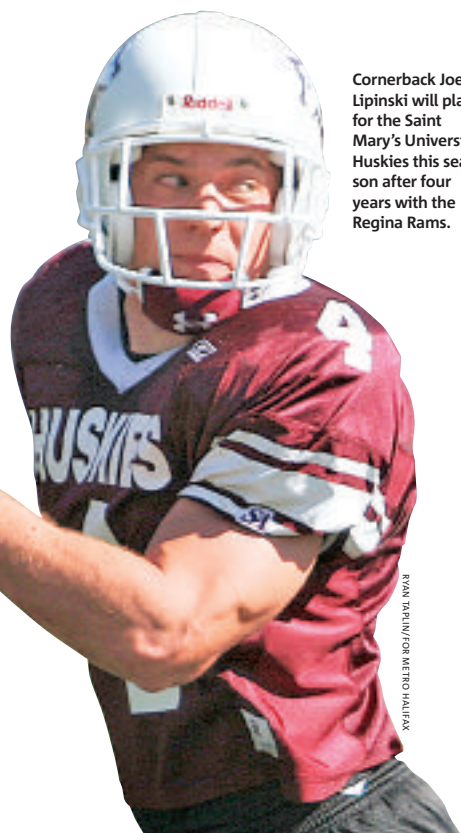
"I have a song ready just

in case."

The 5-foot-10, 180-pounder comes to town with an impressive resume. He was a second-team all-Canadian in 2005, when he finished with a Canada West-best 13 passes broken up along with three interceptions in eight games.

Lipinski's speed, experience and ability to read plays will bolster a defensive unit that limited the mighty Laval Rouge et Or to just two points in last year's Uteck Bowl.

"The defence is set up to make a lot of big plays and hopefully I can make a lot of those," Lipinski said. "I think our defence is going to be one of the best in the country."



Cornerback Joel Lipinski will play for the Saint Mary's University Huskies this season after four years with the Regina Rams.

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Waverley's Karen Furneaux, pictured here paddling during the women's K-1 500 metre semifinal at the Beijing Olympic Games, will be among those competing at the Canadian spring canoe-kayak championships which begin today on Lake Banook.

Canadian Olympic stars set to make a splash on Lake Banook

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CANOE-KAYAK Lake Banook will be swarming with Olympians today.

Canadian flag-bearer and Beijing silver-medallist Adam van Koeverden highlights a group of more than a dozen Olympians who will race at the four-day Canadian sprint canoe-kayak championships starting today.

Local stars Andrew Russell of Dartmouth and Karen Furneaux of Waver-

ley will also be on the water. Russell, a Banook canoeist, placed fifth in the C-2 500 metres in Beijing with partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivières, Que., and sixth in the C-2 1,000.

Furneaux, a three-time Olympian who trains at Cheema, fell short of a spot in the K-1 and K-4 500 finals.

Kayakers Emilie Fournel, Angus Mortimer, Christopher Pellini, Rhys Hill, Brady Reardon, Steven Jorens, Andrew Willows and Richard Dober Jr. and canoeists Mark Oldershaw,

Thomas Hall and Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny are also scheduled to compete, although they could still scratch the event.

Van Koeverden, who won the third Olympic medal of his career with a silver in the K-1 500 in Beijing, is scheduled to race in the K-1 1,000 today at 8:48 a.m. He will also race the K-2 200 at 2:11 p.m. and the K-4 200 at 2:11 p.m.

Furneaux races in the K-1 1,000 at 9:54 a.m. and is also on the water again at 3:43 p.m. and 4:24 p.m.

Russell will not race today.

Moose deal Bouchard

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HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads have started to clear up their over-age picture by dealing enforcer David Bouchard.

The Mooseheads received a fifth-round draft choice yesterday from the Chicoutimi Saguenéens, who are believed to have an over-age spot for the 20-year-old winger.

"We wanted to make sure that David was able to play somewhere in the league this year," Mooseheads general manager Marcel Patenaude said. "Chicoutimi was high on him and they wanted him and we were able to reach an agreement."

Bouchard, a 6-foot-1, 208-pounder who led the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League in penalty minutes last year with an eye-popping 283 in 70 games, was traded from the Drummondville Voltigeurs to the Mooseheads in December.

He played 32 games during his stay in Halifax, recording four goals, two assists and 86 penalty minutes.

The Mooseheads are left with four 20-year-olds: goaltender Mark Yetman; defencemen Justin Pender and Graham Bona; and forward Andrew White. Yetman is virtually assured a



Mooseheads fans will no doubt miss the showmanship of enforcer David Bouchard, dealt yesterday to Chicoutimi.

spot after an outstanding second half last season. There is no other goaltender with QMJHL experience in the system.

The Mooseheads will strongly consider Pender and Bona for the other two spots because there isn't much experience on the blue line, while White will need a strong training camp to win a spot because of the team's depth up

front.

The Q limits each team to three over-agers, and the Mooseheads would likely try to deal the odd man out.

"In their head, they come back to camp as rookies," Patenaude said of the veterans. "Guys like (Garrett) Peters last year ... They're anxious, and it's totally different than being 18, 19. They have to deal with that and showcase themselves."

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All that, and practicality, too

Retro-looking Chevrolet HHR SS is a usable ride for everyday people

BILL MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada



Beneath its retro appearance, the HHR is simply a nicely executed station wagon. Think of it as a Chevrolet Cobalt wagon in drag, as it's based on the same solid architecture as the popular Chevy coupe/sedan.

Thanks to its retro shape, the interior is roomy and comfortable, the rear seat-backs fold fully flat and the cargo deck is hard-surfaced ... all of which makes the HHR a usable ride for everyday people and cargo hauling chores. In that respect, the well-equipped base LS and LT models — at \$19,855 and \$21,185, respectively — represent nicely packaged value.

Both trim levels include standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, door locks and mirrors, cruise control, remote keyless entry, electronic stability control, ABS and traction control.

In its milder LS and LT



In its milder LS and LT guise, the Chevrolet HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. Inside, below, there's a feeling of roominess.

guise, the HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. The base engine is a fuel-efficient 155-hp, 2.2-litre "four" while there's a 172-hp, 2.4-litre four-cylinder optional choice (standard on the step-up LT 1SC trim). Transmission choices are standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

By the way, new for '09, those engines are Flex Fuel

capable, meaning they can run on E85 ethanol, gasoline or any combination of the two fuels. Also, the 2.2-litre engine receives variable valve timing technology that optimizes performance and efficiency.

The \$28,240 HHR SS, first seen in the 2008 model year, adds turbocharged zest with a 260-hp output from its 2.0-litre four. To help handle this extra performance the SS rides on a racetrack-

tuned suspension system, giving it a modern athleticism that contrasts sharply with the retro styling.

Even so, you won't sacrifice anything in ride comfort for such driving entertainment. Body motions are tautly controlled. The steering has a pleasing blend of precision, feel, response and effort.

Inside, there's a feeling of roominess, with the high roofline providing plenty of



headroom. Quality is also conveyed in the well-bolstered sport seats, which provide firm support yet plenty of comfort for long drives.

The short-throw manual shifter, which sits higher and farther forward, has a nice precise feel. A smaller-diameter steering wheel — sporting an SS logo plus radio and other control features — complements the precise steering action.

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Steve Burgess became the first person in history to successfully cross the Bering Straits in a road vehicle earlier this year.

Farmer rides into record books

Steve Burgess, a farmer from West Yorkshire, England, has put himself and his Land Rover Defender into the record books by becoming the first person in history to successfully cross the Bering Straits in a road vehicle.

Earlier this year, the 52-year-old Burgess, travelled 16,700 kilometres in 50 days to the Easternmost tip of Russia in temperatures as low as -46 C.

Then, in a masterstroke that differs from others who tried the voyage before, instead of trying to cross the Straits while they

were covered with ice, he simply waited for it to melt in the summer.

Once that happened, he strapped two huge floats on the sides of his Defender, added a motor and propeller on the back and sailed across the 90-kilometre stretch of water, pausing on the island of Little Diomed as the weather closed in, before continuing a few weeks later when conditions improved.

"It's been a phenomenal trip," said Burgess. "I can't say it was all enjoyable — I wouldn't do it again — but it has been incredible."



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GM Canada has ended the suspense, announcing its pricing for the all-new 2009 Chevrolet Aveo5 hatchback. You can now purchase the Aveo5 for as little as \$10,470 under a special cash-only offer.

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Honda Fit attempts to raise the bar

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Insider's eats

No traveller wants to pay an exorbitant price for lacklustre food, but that indignity always seems worse when you're in a destination known for its gastronomic prowess. The September issue of *Gourmet* magazine — which is dedicated to exploring Paris on a budget — can help you avoid such a predicament. Some of the content is also posted at gourmet.com/travel/cityguides/paris. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Transylvanian farm life reflects a simpler time

TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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A visit to the tiny Romanian town of Türe (or Turea) is like travelling back in time.

Horse-drawn carriages packed full with freshly cut hay trot along bumpy dirt roads. Craggy old people with craggy old faces make picture-perfect postcards of a simpler time. Grandmothers milk cows, churn butter, have wells in their backyards and know their way around a plow.

If it weren't for the satellite dishes growing out of houses like mushrooms on cow patties, you might think you'd been transported back to the early 1900s. A surprising number of people here lack running water and indoor plumbing but, with the wonders of modern technology, they can tune into stations like MTV.

Having just come from cosmopolitan Bucharest — where Ferrari-lined streets, fashionable coffee houses and could-be-supermodels are common — this was the "simple life."

I found myself in this Transylvanian village as part of a two-day home-stay run by Carpathian Tours. Aus-



Left, horse-drawn carriages are a typical sight in Türe. Right, a traditional Hungarian "good room."



JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Julia's tips

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tralian-owned, this company offers customized cultural vacations through the Hungarian, Slovakian and Romanian countryside.

It's a chance to learn about the music, dance and social practices of the area — all with the help of a translator and knowledgeable guide.

Accommodations may be humble (my room had no door and the bathroom looked more like a tool shed) but, by staying with the local people, I'm able to

"If it weren't for the satellite dishes growing out of houses like mushrooms on cow patties, you might think you'd been transported back to the early 1900s."

get an insider's view.

My crash course in traditional Transylvanian culture starts with breakfast. Here in Türe, early morning risers enjoy buffalo cheese, thick slices of white bread, pork sausage and a shot of Pálinka.

This local brandy brew gets the day started off right and is sipped on with each meal. It's considered rude if you turn down the offering, so, despite having just brushed my teeth, I reach for the shot glass and started boozing. It goes down my throat in one gulp, burning my insides with the pang of

cheap Tequila.

Pleasing my host, the guide and I (admittedly, a bit tipsy) venture into town. Shepherds guide buffalo into the village so they can be milked by their owners. They make their way down a mist-covered hill, mooing and jangling their cowbell necklaces.

Though I'm excited by the prospect of milking one myself, I find out the buffalos are quite skittish and don't let strangers ogle their udders.

From there, we visit a traditional "good room." It's an elaborately decorated living room used for en-

tertaining guests and matching prospective boy suitors with unmarried girls. The room is stacked with embroidered blankets, tablecloths and doilies, all hand spun from wool, cotton or hemp.

Cabinets are hand-painted, stenciled in red, white and green (a symbol of the Hungarian flag) with recurring motifs of roses, tulips and green branches. Though it's impressive, this crafty form of home-making has been abandoned by

the new generation.

In the time of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (leader from 1965-1989), expression of Hungarian culture and music was forbidden. As a result, much of local culture was lost.

My two-day tour of Transylvania had me tossing hay with a pitchfork, step-dancing to live village music and picnicking with Pálinka under a full moon.

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Actor Woody Harrelson, left, will star in forthcoming comedy film *Zombieland*. The movie revolves around a mismatched pair of survivors who find friendship in a world overrun by zombies. IMDB.COM

Woody joins zombie comedy

Entertainment



Extras may sue

Tom Cruise's troubled film project *Valkyrie* has been hit with another setback — extras on the film are allegedly threatening to sue movie bosses over on-set injuries.

IMDB.COM

In brief

NEWS FLASH This show isn't just a flash in the pan: CTV has ordered a second season of its hit original series *Flashpoint*, the network has announced. Thirteen new episodes are expected to head into production in early 2009. *Flashpoint* has been a hit since it premiered last month, and has maintained an average audience of 1.17 million viewers since it debuted at No.1 in Canada and the United States on CTV and CBS, CTV reports. *Flashpoint* airs Thursdays at 10 p.m. ET on CTV/CBS and on demand on the CTV Video Player at ctv.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

OSZY DOC Jack Osbourne wants to set the record straight about his famous father. And that means taking a few swipes at the MTV reality show that put his family back on the map, *People.com* reports. "I think The Osbournes, to a degree, tarnished the public's perception of my dad as a bit of a senile, funny, bumbling guy," Jack tells *Rolling Stone* magazine. "Yeah, my dad can be that guy, but it's not (all of) him." Now Jack is trying to rejuvenate his dad's rocker legacy. He has recruited his friends and his dad's former bandmates to contribute to a documentary he began shooting in January. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

HUMANITAS The screenwriters of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*, *Juno* and *Lars and the Real Girl* have been named finalists in the feature film category of the 2008 Humanitas Prize, which honours writing that explores the human condition. Episodes from *Boston Legal*, *John Adams* and *The Wire* are the finalists in the 60-minute television category. The \$115,000 in prize money that will be handed out Sept. 17 in Hollywood. **REUTERS**

Betrayal drives thriller

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Traitor couldn't have been an easy movie to make. Not only is the terrorism thriller set in 17 cities on three continents, but it required shooting the film in just 48 days on a tight budget. Who would want to take on that overly ambitious endeavor? Well, Don Cheadle for one.

The complex story of a secret Muslim officer that infiltrates a global terrorism ring only to find himself being hunted down as a traitor, this thriller not only enticed Don Cheadle the actor, but also Don Cheadle the producer — who has previously made his mark getting behind such hot-



Don Cheadle stars in *Traitor*, opening in theatres on Friday.

button films as *Crash* and *Darfur Now*.

"It was very interesting that one of the things we learned post 9-11 is that there were something like three Arabic-speaking agents that we had in our (enforcement) agencies,"

says Cheadle during a recent interview in New York. "How do you understand people that you can't even talk to?"

That was one of the primary themes that prompted Cheadle to help make *Traitor* — the idea that a

lack in communication between cultures has only fuelled terrorism. It's not an easy notion to sell to movie studios either.

As disappointing box-office revenues of other films dealing with the war on terrorism have mounted recently, studios are surely wary of that particular subject.

"They probably did their rounds with studios and received a series of ideas of how it should be changed and softened up," posits co-star Guy Pearce about the struggle to find backers.

"(But writer/director Jeffrey Nachmanoff) just didn't compromise."

Instead, *Traitor* (in theatres on Friday) was lucky enough to find financing and still deal directly with such serious issues as race,

religion and the role of ignorance in terrorism. Pearce adds: "I think (Nachmanoff did) a really good job of finding that balance between an entertainment and a thought-provoking topic."

Cheadle would certainly agree. Although he's first to acknowledge the film doesn't provide many answers to these issues, he does hope it will create an awareness in moviegoers' minds.

"It could be a cautionary tale on some level if you take it seriously," insists Cheadle.

"Most human beings want equanimity; most human beings want peace; most human beings want safety. It's the people on the extremes that can obviously pull and push us and protract that argument."

Festival underway with full menu of Fringe fare

The Atlantic Fringe Festival was officially kicked off yesterday with its 18th annual event. Here is a sampling of the plays and performances taking place during this year's festival, which runs tomorrow through Sunday, Sept. 7. For more information, times and tickets, visit atlanticfringe.ca.

- **Bone Jacked:** A community of sirens in the Canadian prairies is seduced by a exiled bureaucrat. *Bus Stop Theatre*

- **Dog Town:** A man's best friend may be his dog, but can a man ever have too many friends? *Khyber*

Arts Centre.

- **Jest of Mind:** A series of problems encountered with mind reading and thought transferring. *Khyber Arts Centre*

- **Jesus and Buddha:** What would The Messiah and The Enlightened One do if they got together? Create the world of course ... or maybe go to war. *Khyber Arts Centre.*

- **Jewel:** This play tells the story of Marjorie Clifford, a woman widowed after the Ocean Ranger sank off the coast of Newfoundland. *Khyber Arts Centre.*

- **Life is a Cabaret:** A journey through the life cycle of a relationship, where two people find love

and then lose it. *Neptune Theatre's Studio Stage.*

- **Limits Optional:** An 8-hour dance and multidisciplinary event featuring local artists. *DANSpace on Grafton.*

- **Me & Josephine:** The lives of the Josephine Baker and Nova Scotian dancer Leslie Carvery are blended together. *DANSpace on Grafton.*

- **My First Moustache:** A 31-year old sets out to grow his first moustache. Along the way he rants about sex, love and his own neuroses. *Bus Stop Theatre.*

- **Senior Deex Variety Show Spectacular:** An internationally acclaimed en-



Daniel MacIvor presents his newest play, *Wild Abandon*.

tertainer from the Latin world performs in Halifax. *Bus Stop Theatre.*

- **Singing Seven at the Heat Rise:** A visual escape into human relationships. *Bus Stop Theatre.*

- **Soul Expressions:** An evening of soul and funk mixed with humour and groove. *DANSpace on Grafton.*

- **The Decaffeination of Kofi Annan:** Noel James — all the way from Wales. *Khyber Arts Centre.*

- **Wild Abandon:** The newest work from Daniel MacIvor, one of Canada's most beloved playwrights. *Khyber Arts Centre.*

- **Wingman:** Foghorn Theatre returns to the Fringe with a new production. *Khyber Arts Centre.*

METRO HALIFAX



Keaton gets animated

Batman actor Michael Keaton will star in the forthcoming Toy Story movie. Keaton will voice Barbie's boyfriend Ken in the animated Disney film, which is slated for release in 2010. **IMDB.COM**



★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

There is no question: skip Hamlet 2

Hamlet 2

Director: Andrew Fleming
Stars: Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, Skylar Astin
Classification: 14A
Rating: ★

ADAM NAYMAN
 for Metro Canada



When seriously unfunny movies like Hamlet 2 get

erected around seriously funny actors like Steve Coogan, it's reasonable to ask what went wrong. In this case, it's that Coogan has been robbed of his prime comic weapon — his bone-dry British imperiousness. Cast as an antic Arizona high school drama teacher attempting to save his credibility and his job by mounting an unprece-

dedent offensive original play — that'd be "Hamlet 2," with a plot involving a time machine and chirpy songs about rape and Jesus Christ's "hot swimmer's body" — Coogan trades his usual shiv-sharp subtlety for blustery, Christopher Guest style caricature. The results aren't pretty.

Perhaps attempting to atone for the retro-bland-

ness of Nancy Drew, co-writer/director Andrew Fleming stabs wildly at taboos: Coogan's young charges



Steve Coogan

trade racist barbs in between rehearsals; characters drop acid and refer-

ence crystal meth addiction; a key player takes a tentative step out of the closet; child molestation is deployed as a punchline. It's all admirably anti-PC, but that's all it is — there's no real satirical thrust here, just a lot of weak jabs at easy targets (newsflash: the American religious right are a bunch of humorless hysterics!) and sub-Waiting

For Guffman gags about the massive gulf between Coogan's ambition and his talent. There's not a lot to laugh at here, and the fact that the filmmakers seem so smugly proud of their supposed transgressions doesn't help. In fact, they like their piddling attempt at a live-action episode of South Park so much that I don't have to.

'Towelhead' draws ire

MOVIES An Islamic civil rights advocacy group has asked Warner Bros. to change the title of its upcoming film Towelhead because, it says, "the word is commonly used in a derogatory manner against people of the Muslim faith or Arab origin."

The studio said it plans to stand by the filmmakers, who chose the title to point out racial stereotypes, though it added, "We apologize for any offense that is caused by the title."

Towelhead, directed by Six Feet Under creator Alan Ball and adapted for the screen by Alicia Erian from her novel of the same name, looks at the life of a 13-year-old Lebanese-American girl in the early '90s. A Warner Independent specialty title now being handled by parent studio Warners, it is scheduled to open Sept. 12

in limited release in New York and Los Angeles.

The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said because the moniker is a "racial and religious slur," Warners should consider calling the film Nothing Is Private, the title under which it debuted at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

Erian, who is Arab-American, said that although the title is an ethnic slur, she "selected it to highlight one of the novel's major themes: racism."

She called CAIR's work "admirable," but said that "the solution ... is not to force the artist to alter her work, but instead to use the occasion of that work as an entry point for meaningful debate and discussion."

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Indie record label Merge is launching a limited-edition series of CDs curated by celebrities. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Star music picks

Australia rethinks visa

Australia is re-thinking a decision to give gangsta rapper Snoop Dogg a visa after public complaints that he should not tour in October in a double act with Ice Cube, an immigration official said yesterday.

Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., was refused permission to even apply for a visa to enter Australia in 2007 because of his criminal record, sinking plans for him to co-host the MTV Australia Video Music Awards.

But immigration officials this week cleared the way for an October tour visit, until a spate of public complaints from victims of crime groups yesterday.

"As a result of public concern and interest, the

department has decided that in fact we will be undertaking a more thorough assessment of Mr. Broadus' character," a senior immigration official said.

The decision does not mean Snoop Dogg will again be barred from Australia, but he could be counselled before arrival and given strict behaviour rules to abide by while in the country.

Snoop Dogg's criminal record counts several drugs and firearms charges since 1990, including a 1993 acquittal for murder. He has also been denied entry to Britain.



The immigration official said a fresh assessment of an approval for Snoop Dogg to apply for a visa — clearing the way for a 17-day visit from Oct. 21 — had already begun.

"We've advised his tour promoter and he and Mr. Broadus will have an opportunity to respond. We clearly will look at his criminal history," he said.

Critics say Snoop Dogg's lyrics are racist and sexist. "Snoop Dogg trades in toxic messages of menace, violence, misogyny and lawlessness," Angela Conway, of the Australian Family Association, told the Herald Sun newspaper.

The rapper has sold more than 17 million records.

REUTERS

Film Fest Day out with dad



Actor Brad Pitt and his son Pax Thien Jolie-Pitt, ride a boat from Marco Polo Airport in Venice, Italy, ahead of the 65th Venice Film Festival yesterday. The event starts today and runs to Sept. 6.

Perry seals No. 1 spot with Kissed

MUSIC CHARTS Singer-songwriter Katy Perry has spent a third week at the top of the British singles chart with her worldwide hit I Kissed a Girl.



Katy Perry

The former gospel singer saw off a challenge from Dublin band The Script, who climbed from third to second place with The Man Who Can't Be Moved. Former U.K. No. 1 All Summer Long by Kid Rock fell one place from second to third, according to The Official UK Charts Company.

REUTERS

Ex-guard tells Rushdie he's sorry

IN COURT A former police officer has apologized to Sir Salman Rushdie for false claims he made in a book about the author, BBC News Online reports.

Ronald Evans helped to protect Rushdie after he received death threats for writing The Satanic Verses in 1989.

In his book, On Her Majesty's Service, he claimed Rushdie sought to profit from the fatwa and had been suicidal.

Evans, ghost writer Douglas Thompson and publishers John Blake Publishing apologized in London's High Court for the "hurt and damage" they had caused.

Rushdie, who did not seek damages, said he is satisfied with the outcome.

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In brief

PEOPLE The son of hip-hop producer Dr. Dre died over the weekend, People.com reports. Andre Young Jr., 20, was discovered "unresponsive" by his mother at his home in Woodland Hills, Calif., on Saturday, according to the L.A. County Coroner's office. When she couldn't rouse him, she called paramedics, who pronounced him dead at the scene. No foul play is suspected.

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MUSIC Queens Of The Stone Age front man Josh Homme is to produce new material by the Arctic Monkeys, BBC News Online reports. "I'm really looking forward to it because I like them a lot," Homme told BBC 6 Music. Homme said the Arctic Monkeys would record the new tracks for their third album at a recording studio in the California desert.

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New hosting gig

Mario Lopez will host MTV's new series Top Pop Group. The show will be similar to Lopez's other hosting gig, America's Best Dance Crew, only featuring music groups. **TVGUIDE.COM**



Ratings, schmatings

UNRATED VERSION:

There's still a lot of life left in broadcast television, but we know its expiry date is looming by the survival of shows like *Battlestar Galactica*, as detailed in a recent Associated Press story on the Sci Fi network's flagship show, now mere months away from its final airing.

Galactica has been a critic's favourite since its debut, which is another way of saying "brilliant but soon-to-be cancelled" if you're talking about a network show, especially one that draws the ratings *Galactica* has. According to the AP story, the radical revision of the '70s sci-fi cheese original is "scraping bottom" if you go by "the traditional ratings system" — from an average of 2.8 million viewers in its first season, it's lost a million viewers since then.

But Sci Fi is acting like the numbers don't mean much, and it's gone ahead with a *Galactica* prequel movie that's set to air after the final episode next year, and a spin-off series set

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two generations before *Galactica*'s storyline kicks off. Caprica, the spin-off, has a trailer on YouTube and a pilot shot months ago, though rumours about the show being picked up earlier this summer have proved to be speculative; the network seems to be playing wait and see before committing to a full season order.

Still, Sci Fi is showing remarkable confidence in a franchise whose ratings would have guaranteed a first season cancellation on NBC or CBS — or certain oblivion after just two episodes if it was showing on Fox. Apparently the network is acting like it's already 2012, and bums-in-place-on-the-scheduled-night ratings aren't an accurate way of measuring



Technologically-savvy *Galactica* fans prefer to catch up on the show via TiVo.

the viewership of a show like *Galactica*.

Jamie Bamber, who plays Lee Adama on the show, told AP that he has a different way of measuring the show's success. "When the numbers were high I would get stopped in the street maybe once a week," Bamber said. "Now that the viewing figures are lower on the TV, everywhere I go someone will come up to me and say what a huge fan they are. That just tells me that peo-

ple watch the show in a more modern way and that it has reached its sort of critical mass."

What he means is that technologically-savvy *Galactica* fans have better things to do with their nights, and prefer to catch up on the show via TiVo or in weekend-long DVD marathons — or relying on the huge but legally troubling archive of internet downloads. One assumes the same sort of logic is behind the apparently untroubled reaction AMC has to *Mad Men*, its flagship but low-rated show. Since I'm one of those people who can't be bothered with scheduled viewing, it all makes sense to me, but I'm also aware that we're hard people to make money off if you're an advertiser, and that something, somewhere, has got to give before we can finally ascend into the brave new world of post-broadcast television.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

O.C. actor stars in antiwar drama

MOVIES The O.C. star Ben McKenzie will be hitting U.S. cinemas this fall in Dalton Trumbo's *Johnny Got His Gun*, the film version of his one-man stage show.

Truly Indie will release the antiwar drama, a portrait of a World War I soldier with battlefield injuries



Ben McKenzie

Joseph, will premiere Sept. 22 in Austin, Texas, and then roll out to other cities.

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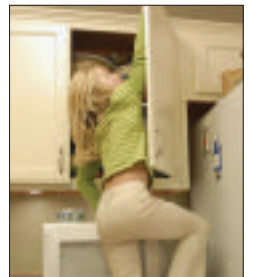
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	251	251	251	WGN	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model	Pussycat Dolls: Girlicious		WGN News

critics' corner

Supernanny
Jo Frost arrives to help the Shrage family in a small Southern town. The parents' marriage is in quite a state, considering they have not shared a bed in eight years. The three girls are so out of control that their own grandmother, who lives with them, refuses to dine with them. Though the girls present a lovely front to the outside world, at home they're run rampant, and it's up to Supernanny to restore order. 10 PM on ABC



Mad Men
Like now, U.S. politics is in the spotlight. But instead of McCain and Obama, it's Nixon and Kennedy. The election is important, and the Sterling Cooper staff stays up all night watching the votes come in. Also, Pete (Vincent Kartheiser) lets his ambition go to his head and gets in Don's (Jon Hamm) face. 10 PM on Bravo

Criminal Minds
A teenage boy and his girlfriend are at the heart of this episode's murder mystery, which brings the profilers to a small town in Texas. A serial killer is apparently on the loose, and the more victims found, the closer they get to figuring out the killer's motive. Thomas Gibson, Joe Mantegna, Paget Brewster and Shemar Moore star in "Elephant's Memory." 10 PM on CBS. CJCH



Sheen expecting child with new wife
Actor Charlie Sheen, left, and his new wife, Brooke, are expecting their first child together, his rep has announced. The couple have been married since May. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Hef's door open for Anderson

FRIENDSHIP Playboy king Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson the use of his mansion if she ever finds herself homeless, imdb.com reports.

The Baywatch star has appeared on numerous Playboy covers, and the 41-year-old knows she can rely on Hefner to put her up if she ever finds herself with nowhere to stay.

"(I asked Hefner) If ever anything goes

wrong, I can come and live here, can't I?" she says.

Hefner replied: "Yes, of course. You are always welcome at my place."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Mendes OKs nip/tuck

COSMETIC SURGERY Actress Eva Mendes will have no hesitation about going under the knife, when her figure starts to sag, female-first.co.uk reports.

Mendes is currently baring almost all in a series of Calvin Klein billboard advertisements, and has previously posed topless for Vogue magazine.

But the 34-year-old acknowledges her looks will only last so long, and she is ready to



check in for some cosmetic surgery when she needs to.

"When the time comes, I'm going to nip it and tuck it all," Mendes tells Star magazine.

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Keira hates paparazzi

FAME Keira Knightley hates being pursued by the paparazzi — because it ruins her social life, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement actress is well-known for her distaste of snappers who try and secure photos of her personal life.

And the star has admitted her pals fail to invite her to social events in case they are harassed by eager photographers.

"One of them (friends) asked me if I would



mind not going out with them to a restaurant one evening as they find the whole paparazzi thing alarming," she tells Britain's Tatler magazine. "I don't blame them. It can be very intimidating."

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Coldplay make clothes?

FASHION Coldplay have revealed they love to make their own clothes, female-first.co.uk reports.

Front man Chris Martin has told how the band like to sew and modify their own clothes together. Martin, 31, says the band's needlework habits help them bond.

"Making clothes together in our studio makes us feel complete," he

says. "We probably sound like a group of grannies in a knitting circle but it's the truth and it gives us some control over our visual identity. When you are a big band and everyone is taking shots at you, the more things you can do together the better. And if you're wearing uniforms made by your own hands it helps achieve that."

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celebrity brief

Hudson accused in hairy lawsuit

LAWSUIT Kate Hudson is at the sharp end of a bizarre new lawsuit — bosses of a haircare company have accused her of stealing their volcano ash.

imdb.com re-



ports. 220 Labs bosses claim the actress stole their idea for a secret volcano ash hair product. Lawyers for 220 Labs are demanding unspecified damages.

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Radcliffe pans prudish fans

NUDITY Daniel Radcliffe has slammed prudish fans who refuse to see his naked scenes in theatre show Equus — because he is sick of people branding the production "pornography," imdb.com reports.

The teen actor was required to disrobe on stage when he starred in the dramatic play Equus in London's West End last year — a role he'll soon reprise on Broadway.

And the star is shocked by the reaction of older female fans, insisting his nude scene is no big deal.

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O'Day sick of Paris comparison

RUMOUR Danity Kane star Aubrey O'Day has hit out at people who liken her to Paris Hilton, branding them "horrible" for making the comparison, imdb.com reports.

The blond is sick of being mistaken for the hotel heiress — because she is "nothing like that girl."

"Whenever I carry my dog around, people say 'Paris Hilton' she says. "I absolutely love my dog and I'm nothing like that girl."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson a place to stay at his mansion should she ever become homeless. I'm guessing Hugh has seen recent pictures of a haggard-looking Anderson and mistakenly believes that she is homeless. In any case, I've taken the liberty of making public the following list of rules for overnight guests at the Playboy mansion, specifically tailored for Canada's own Pammie, should she ever need them:

"It's a little known fact that Hugh Hefner suffers from ornithophobia, so you can't bring the 1,000 live chickens you rescued from Colonel Sanders with you to the mansion. All former playmates at the mansion must insert staples in their navels so Hefner will be able to recognize them. Exercise on the stationary bike with the special invasive seat attachment is mandatory.

When changing Hefner's adult diaper, eye contact is strictly forbidden. Hugh Hefner prefers the term 'Dream Enabler' to 'Decrepit Flesh Peddler.' Hef wants everyone at the mansion to be comfortable, his version of comfort, so you must wear either silk pyjamas or nothing.

Work the following phrase into your conversation as frequently as possible: "Eighty-two is the new 56."

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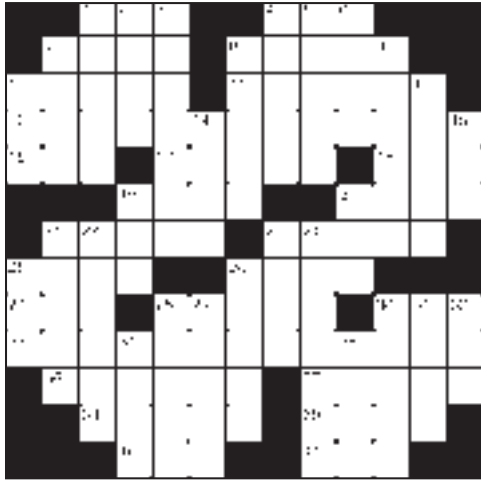


Rodriguez to return to Lost

Michelle Rodriguez, right, is reportedly returning to *Lost* this season, ew.com reports. Details of her comeback are shrouded in secrecy, but she's to be back for one episode, reportedly this season's second episode. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Battery terminal
- 2 "— noted"
- 3 Inclined
- 4 Cougars
- 5 Characteristic
- 6 "— She Sweet?"
- 7 Go no further
- 8 Made crow noises
- 9 Masthead name
- 10 The whole enchilada
- 12 Japanese cartooning style
- 14 Undraped
- 15 Coll. transcript stat
- 19 "See ya"
- 20 Opposed to
- 21 Rodents of South America
- 22 Dr. Robert, with an eponymous diet
- 23 Darjeeling dress
- 24 Loot, as the Vikings did
- 25 Legislation
- 26 Photo finish?
- 28 Erstwhile larvae
- 29 Establish, as 25-Down
- 30 Game-show group
- 31 Crafts' partners
- 32 Yr. divisions
- 34 Spigots
- 35 One-on-one battle

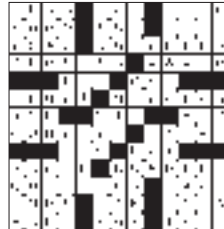
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Crossword across

- 1 Big hoopla
- 4 Bake-sale org.
- 7 Give the cold shoulder
- 8 Radium discoverer
- 10 Bikini, e.g.
- 11 "Hairspray" actress
- 13 Queen's attendant
- 16 Caustic solution
- 17 Search
- 18 Gratuity
- 19 Melville's Billy
- 20 Deep sleep
- 21 Check casher
- 23 Fern product
- 25 After curfew
- 26 Primary
- 27 Interjection in "Cathy" comics
- 28 Oyster's prize
- 30 Manhandle
- 33 1967 Audrey Hepburn film

- 36 Address biting
- 37 Cousins' moms
- 38 "The final frontier"
- 39 The Bee —
- 40 Prepared
- 41 Right angle

previous day's answer



This day in history

AUG. 27, 1813: French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte defeats a larger force of Austrians, Russians and Prussians at the Battle of Dresden.
 AUG. 27, 1859: Petroleum discovered in Titusville, Pennsylvania. World's first successful oil well.
 AUG. 27, 1927: American aviators Billy Brock and Ed Schlee fly the *Pride of Detroit* over London on the way to completing the first-ever flight around the world.
 AUG. 27, 1993: The Rainbow Bridge, connecting Tokyo's Shibaura and the island of Odaiba, is completed.
 AUG. 27, 2003: Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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6	4	1	8	2	9	3	7	5

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
 13-17: Scholar

Horoscopes

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Funds will be raised for a business plan. Tension results in more effective communication. Friends make decisions that will change your mind.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Run errands before a deadline. A professional gets to first base. Sparks start to fly, but don't throw yourself into anything.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Finances might force a show-down. There's an easy escape from a selfish action. Brief tension occurs when advantage is taken.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Feeling doubtful makes you play tough. Take charge to improve the state of your teamwork. Someone grabs your attention with a secret message.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Nobody can be blamed for disturbing news. Agree to a compromise that's designed to stabilize. Be less stressed by ignoring a weird situation.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A prankster wants to get serious about life. Repay deceitfulness with honesty and humour. Defuse a situation by asking for help.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A secret attraction leads to an unexpected realization. A reasonable woman has a naughty story to tell. Don't give up on a mischievous man.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't become a recluse while waiting for someone. Sudden moves will produce a stunning result. Take the chance of a lifetime.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Take some time out to play. An encounter will shock and intrigue you. Someone's need for attention makes you claustrophobic.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A ranting man gets frosty treatment from you. Keep someone talking if you want answers. Telling a true story will make you look good.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Shivers of excitement result from a compliment. Your work is putting you in the spotlight. Squelch any distress that won't stand up to scrutiny.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

News of plans gone awry sets the tone for the day. Anxiety will produce family problems. A hostile snub depicts malice at a meeting.

Sudoku

	6		8	7	9	2		
				1			4	
4					1		3	
	8		4		3	5		
				2		9		
5		4						9
9			1					
	3	2	7	4		6		

17-21: Smart
 21-25: Not bad
 25+: Keep practising
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Afternoon Showers. 19°	Tonight Showers. 17°	Thursday Showers. 21° / 15°	Friday Showers. 20° / 16°	Saturday Variable. 22° / 14°
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Temperature Normals
 High: 21.7°
 Low: 13.5°
 Records
 High: 28.9°/1949
 Low: 7.8°/1954
 Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
 Sunset: 7:58 p.m.
 Moonrise: 2:16 a.m.
 Moonset: 6:22 p.m.

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